THE EVENING NEWS.

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A LARGE BANKRUPT STOCK OF

Shot Guns and Rifles

Of all kinds for sale at

JACKSON'S GUN STORE,

108 Water St., Benton Harbor, Mich.

Remember that I keep all kinds of hunting, fishing and sporting goods on hand and that I will not be undersold by any dealer in Southwestern Michigan. Winchester repeating rifles all sizes at $10, $11 and $14 each; see the old and new models. Quackenbush 22 calibre and other target guns; Winchester repeating shot gun, 6 shots, at $17; one Parker Bros. double barrel shot gun, second-hand at $20 and I have double barrel breech loading shot guns, both 10 and 12 gauge at $7, $9, $11 and $12 each; single barrel breech loaders, both new and second-hand at $5, $6 and $7 each; muzzle loading shot guns at the lowest prices, loaded paper shells 10, 12 and 16 gauge, a leader at 25 cents per box. I have the Quick shots, Rivals and U. M. C. in large stock, so that you can be suited on shot sizes; a full and complete line of Winchester, Colts and Marlin rifle car ridges at winning prices; 26 different sizes of revolver cartridges. B B. Floberts and Blanks, Lafin & Rand's shot gun; rifle and blasting powder, smokeless powder for rifles and shot guns; shot gun fixtures; brass shells, loaded and unloaded; buck, common shot and bar lead; reloading tools for rifles and shot guns, cartridge belts and shell bags, hunting coats, vests and hats, canvas game bags and belts for hunters, powder flasks and shot pouches; primers, snipe, turkey and duck calls; s ot gun shells loaded with smokeless powder, bowie knives and knives for hunters, pasteboard and felt wads, waterproof and G D. gun caps. All kinds of new and second-hand revolvers. My leaders are 22 center fire at $1.50, 32 and 38 center fire at $1.75. These guns are all of the Bulldog pattern and they are all right. I am selling today the 32 and 38 center fire both blue and nickel, 5 and 6 shot rubber handle rifle barrel, fluted cylinder, break down, shell ejector, 4½ inch barrel, Smith & Wesson pattern for $4. You can have a large stock of Iver Johnson, Harrington & Ritchardson to select from. A d how is that for a leader on guns? Holsters for revolvers and cases for guns and rifles, dark lanterns for coon hunters and Newhouse traps for trappers; compasses, boxing gloves, iron and maple dumb bells, punching bags, foot balls, all kinds and sizes, sling shots, billies and knuckles, dog chains, collars and muzzles.

All Kinds of Shot Guns and Rifles to Rent by the Day or Week.

See my Marlin safety rifles of all sizes, air rifles and B. B shot for air rifles, sling shots, rubbers and anything that will shoot, you will find it at Jackson's. One 7x7 and 1 7x9 wedge tents for sale cheap. If you have got a good rifle, shot gun or revolver and want to sell it I will buy it. I have a large Colt revolver, 45 size at $5, a Remington large 44 at $5.

Unredeemed Gold and Silver watches of All Kinds.

Seventy-seven solid gold rings, banjoes, guitars and violins at ½ first cost. Trading men look over my watch stock. I can always stock you up on bargains. I have dealt in fishing, hunting and sporting goods in Benton Harbor for 20 years. I buy cheaper than any other dealer and I will not be undersold. SECOND-HAND BOOKS WANTED. I do not handle school books. After November 1st I will pay the best market price for all kinds of raw furs, and remember that I loan money on all kinds of personal property, and I always have about 14 wagon loads of second-hand truck of all kinds for sale. I also cash the time checks of the Crouch Construction company.

CHAS. A. JACKSON

Dealer in Almost Everything.

W. W. CHESLEY

The Clothing ..Renovator and Dyer..

110 Pipestone, Under Sherman's Bazar is now prepared to do all kinds of Cleaning and Repairing, both ladies' and gents'. First class work. Now is the time to have your clothing put in order for winter. Overcoats and Suits made to look like new. Try it and save the price of a new suit.

DYEING A SPECIALTY.

ALSO CARPETS CLEANED.

Does He Smoke?

We mean your Husband, Sweetheart, Brother or Uncle.

If he does, call and examine that elegant line of

HOLIDAY PIPES

now on sale at

Dr. Fabry's Drug Store

110 Water Street...

THE WINTER BOATS.

City of Duluth and City of Traverse Will Soon Be on the Winter Run.

NEW BUSINESS THIS SEASON.

For the First Time This Port is Recognized by the Michigan Central and Canadian Pacific.

The two big steamers of the Lake Superior and Lake Michigan transportation company—the Cities of Duluth and Traverse—will soon begin their winter trips from this port.

Captain McLain will command the Duluth and he will be assisted by the following: First mate, Bert Simons; second mate, Lewis Bussey; clerk, O. A. Shauman; steward, Ed Nolan; the engineers come with the steamer. Captain Stewart, the mariner who sailed the City of Milwaukee this season, will be in charge of the City of Traverse, the remainder of the crew coming here with the boat. The crew of the Duluth went to Chicago on the Louisville last night to take their places on the Duluth.

The Graham & Morton transportation company has secured business this year from the Michigan Central and Canadian Pacific roads, business that in former years it could not touch. This is a recognition of the growing and staying powers of the Graham & Morton company, and with a sufficient harbor it means that Benton Harbor will become the greatest shipping point on the east side of the lake.

The harbor improvement proposed contemplates building the north pier out 1,200 feet and the south pier 2,000 feet beyond its present limits. This would give the mouth of the harbor an opening of 3,0 feet with 20 feet of water.

Captain R. C. Britain, of Saugatuck, is here laying up the Frank Woods in the canal for the winter. The harbor is fast filling up with boats that will spend the winter here.

LOCAL THIEVES.

They Break into the New Buffalo Postoffice and Steal.

New Buffalo, Dec. 7—The postoffice in this village was broken into last night, entrance having been gained through the rear windows. Postmaster Hodges made an investigation this morning and found that no money or stamps were stolen. Several boxes of cigars were stolen and the floor was covered with cigars which the thief or thieves dropped in their hurry to escape. The work is supposed to have been done by local talent.

Dr. F. M. Gowdy was called to Three Oaks by telephone last night to make a professional visit.

Miss Helen Marks, daughter of M. Marks, living about two miles south of town, died Sunday. The funeral was held at the Catholic church this forenoon.

Mrs. Martin died at her home in this village last Saturday, after several weeks' illness. The funeral was held at the German Lutheran church this afternoon.

The new brick block of J. M. Schwenk will be completed in a week or ten days.

Some pretty hot words were heard at the New Klondike last night. It must be that lots of digging is going on there at present

Children's Home Society Meeting.

The second quarterly meeting of the local board of The Michigan Children's Home society met at the home of Dr. Schwendener December 6. Reports were read by the secretary and treasurer. There is but little money in the treasury at present. Ten dollars have been donated to the laundry fund and it is hoped some good friends of the home will make up the $16 dollars yet needed. The new stationary tubs have been put in as the necessity for them was urgent.

The special business before the meeting was to arrange for the annual chicken pie dinner to be given at the Home on New Year's day. There was a large representation from the Benton Harbor board and unusual interest seemed to be taken in the matter.

It is expected that this dinner will be the best that has yet been given. Our friends may expect to be called upon to contribute to the dinner and we hope that all who can will arrange to take their New Year's dinner at the Home. As the street cars now run very near the Home it will be very easy to go back and forth. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2 o'clock, p. m.

Michigan Land Cases Set.

Marquette, Dec. 7.—The register and receiver of the Marquette land office have set dates in January for hearing the final proofs of the Michigan Land and Iron company to some 400,000 acres of land in the peninsula which is in controversy between the land company and the settlers.

Cabinet photos $1.50 at A. D. Lacy's.

THE WEATHER.

Fair tonight with probably colder in east portion Wednesday; increasing cloudiness; probably showers Wednesday afternoon.

QUASHED.

The Mandamus Proceeding Against Secretary Hollis.

Judge Coolidge this afternoon handed down an opinion quashing the proceedings in the mandamus case to compel Secretary Hollis of the tunnel company to issue a certificate of stock to S. L. Marchant, at the instance of Mr. Deam.

AN OWNER NOW.

A. T. Patterson Has Taken Charge Of His Printing Office.

The complete job printing office of A. T. Patterson, without a visible owner for a week, was taken possession of this morning by Mr. Patterson.

There was a misunderstanding about a sale of the property to Erskine Danforth, and neither Mr. Danforth or Mr. Patterson would have anything to do with the office. Each claimed the other owned it. Legal developments are looked for in the case.

It is a matter of congratulation that Mr. Patterson has decided to remain here. He is a printer whose reputation for doing the finest printing is known all over the county. Besides he is a good fellow.

IS IN TROUBLE.

City Attorney Ellsworth and the Curfew Ordinance.

City Attorney Ellsworth woke up this morning to find trouble staring him in the face. Last night the council directed him to draft a curfew ordinance and he is at a loss how to get at the matter in a legal way as Governor Pingree vetoed a curfew measure last spring on constitutional grounds.

However, the city attorney is not discouraged, and the work of the brave W. C. T. U. women will probably not be in vain.

TO CONGRESS

Hon. V. M. Gore and Hon. L. C. Fyfe Will Both Go.

The committee who will visit Washington this winter in the interest of the harbor appropriation will consist of W. A. Preston, L. C. Fyfe, E. N. Hatch and J. W. Fletcher of St. Joseph, J. S. Morton, V. M. Gore, J. Keavy and J. P. Thresher of Benton Harbor.

About a year ago Mr. Gore and Mr. Fyfe were willing to go to congress. The opportunity has now come to them unsought.

The committees as consisted will be able to accomplish results if any committee could

THE ENGLISH.

How They Take the Message of President McKinley.

London, Dec. 7.—The Daily Telegraph, commenting editorially on President McKinley's message, this morning says: "It used to be America's proud boast that she had no foreign policy. Judging from President McKinley's message the new world is no more free from the burdens of diplomatic negotiations than the old." The Telegraph continues:

"Moreover, there are serious dangers of revolution in Spain, and the discreet adjectives President McKinley applies to Gen. Weyler's policy will not lessen the latter's popularity. Much depends upon the attitude of congress. If, as our correspondent thinks, the jingoes acquiesce in the decision of the executive to give the Spaniards a chance, all may yet be well; but recent experience does not make us oversanguine."

The Daily Chronicle describes the message as weak and colorless, compared with the vigorous handling of public questions to which Mr. Cleveland accustomed us. It says: "The explanation of this is simple. Mr. Cleveland was in front of congress; Mr. McKinley is behind it. The president's comments on the currency issue are positively childlike in their simplicity. It is safe to prophesy that his treatment of the Cuban question will be received with a storm. The annexation of Cuba would be a deplorable mistake, but the reasons for refraining from that course are not the milk and water ones Mr McKinley advances."

The Times says:

"Its tone of patronized tolerance will make the message not wholly agreeable to Spain. Probably the president calculates that if he can satisfy the jingoes for a time with eloquent denunciations and warnings he will find it easier to pursue a moderate policy.

"Regarding his currency proposals, it seems too probable that Mr. McKinley still clings to the notion that sometning may be done for silver. So long as he follows the will o' the wisp he can hardly be expected to attempt any thorough-going reform of the currency."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Universalist bazar December 15 and 16.

STILL IN THE FRONT

With an always fresh, clean and superior stock of Fresh and Salt Meats, Poultry, Game and Oysters.

See our prices and compare them with what you have been paying.

Rib Roast,	9c	Sausage, home made,	8c
Roast of Beef,	5c to 8c	Smoked Ham, sliced,	14c
Fresh Side Pork,	7c	Good Bacon,	10c
Pork Steak,	9c	Bologna,	7c
Pork Roasts,	9c	Frankforts,	8c

Spare Ribs, 7c

Pure Lard, 8c.

The finest fresh Bulk Oysters at 25c a quart.

Our Meat Market is closed on Sundays.

Rowe Bros.

The Meat Men..

130 Pipestone Street

Christmas is Coming..

And as a gentle hint in regard to presents we would ask you to step into a first class

Crockery and China Store..

It is a certain fact that every lady takes an unusual interest in

FINE CHINA..

Our assortment is new and complete and our prices will enable you to buy two presents with the money you exbected to sbend for one.

F. M. ROWE

137 Pipestone Street, Sweet Block..

Have Got to Move..

Before March 1 we must change our business location and we are anxious to close out as much of our stock as possible before we move. Our line of

Watches. Diamonds, Silverware and Sterling Silver Novelties,

Is the finest in this part of the state and the prices will hardly be first cost of the goods.

Holiday Buyers

Are requested to inspect our stock and get prices before buying elsewhere. We carry a large stock of Haviland and Delft China Ware which must be sold quick.

TEETZEL & HAYDON

Reliable Jewelers, Jones & Sonner Block..

Enterprise Mercantile Co.

Hansen Block, 116 East Main Street.

BARGAINS in DRY GOODS and MILLINERY

Great Reduction Sale

...OF...

CLOAKS, JACKETS AND CAPES

For the Week Commencing Monday, Dec. 6

This will be a great bargain for all that are in need of a cloak, jacket or cape and those should not fail to take advantage of this great reduction sale.

MILLINERY—We have reduced every article in this department—Trimmed Hats, Feathers, Tips, Wings, Ornaments, Birds, in fact everything. Bargains for all.

Dress Goods, Underwear, Hosiery, Blankets—In all of these lines we are well represented and have special offerings and the prices will please you.

ENTERPRISE MERCANTILE CO.

WE ARE THE LEADERS

..Other Dealers Follow Our Lead..

Beginning Wednesday Morning, December 1,

The following Prices on UNDERWEAR will take effect:

Children's, Misses' and Boys' Vests and Pants, sizes 16 to 34, from 11c to 30c.
Children's, Misses and Boys' Merino Vests and Pants, sizes 16 to 34, from 10c to 30c.
Boys' Heavy Fleeced, all sizes, 25c.
Children's, Misses' and Boys' strictly all wool Vests and Pants, all sizes, 18c to 60c.
Ladies' fleeced lined Vests and Pants, 25c, 35c, 50c.
Ladies' fine ribbed all wool, 85c and $1.00.
Ladies' extra weight, all wool flat goods, $1.00 and $1.25.
Ladies' extra weight, all wool scarlet goods, $1.00.
Ladies' Union suits, fleeced lined, 25c, 50c, $1.00.
Ladies' Union suits, half wool, $1.00.
Ladies' Union suits, Oneida, all wool, $1.40 to $3.00.
Ladies' equestrienne tights, all wool, black, $1.00 and $1.40.
Men's heavy merino, camel hair and natural random, at 25c.
The best fleeced lined in the market, 50c.
Heavy camel's hair, 69c.
Swiss-Conde, best made, $1.00.
Outing flannels, 8c, worth 10c.

JAMES POUND

...112 E. MAIN ST. HULBURD BLOCK...

Never Before

Have I been so well pleased with my line of Holiday Goods as this year. The assortment is the finest and was bought at prices which will enable me to sell cheaper than any of my competitors. This is a broad assertion, yet an examination of the goods and prices will bear out my statement. Keep your eyes upon my display window and see a part of the assortment.

W. E. Kennedy

Jeweler..

For Heating Stoves

..SEE THE...

PENINSULAR

W. H. BAKER..

124 Pipestone Street.

C.H.Soule

Will Give You a Few Cash Prices

Rock Candy drip syrup, per gal	20c	1 can Tomatoes	.07
19 lbs G Sugar	$1.00	1 large bottle catsup	.10
1 lb package corn starch	.05	1 lb of cocoanut	.15
Large bottle blueing	.03	One half pound cocoanut	.10
1 pkg white chip soap	.05	½ pound Bakers chocolate	.17
1 sack salt	.03	1 package sweet chocolate	.07
12 bars soap	.25	Oat meal per package	.08
Salt pork per pound	.0	8 pounds of best oat meal	.25
6 bars Ivory soap	.25	1 gal oil can with wood jacket	.10
1 lb crackers	.05	1 lb Sal Soda	.02
1 lb good coffee	.10	1 lb Rice	.05
1 lb of 50c tea for	.33	1 pkg Arm & Hammer Saleratus	.05
1 lb can Salmon	.10	All kinds of pure spices, Cinnamon, Allspice, Cloves, Pepper, Mustard in pound lots	.25
1 lb Raisins	.06		
1 lb of 60c tea for	.45		
1 can of corn	.07		

The above prices are for cash only and goods of the very best quality at live and let live prices. Watch this ad

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

National Executive Discusses the Important Subjects Coming Before Congress.

CURRENCY IS TAKEN UP FIRST.

He Would Demand Gold in Exchange for Greenbacks and Approves Gage's Bank Reform.

Not in Favor of Any Intervention in Cuba at This Time—Approves the Annexation of Hawaii—Remarks on Silver Commission—Needs of the Navy—Extension of Our Foreign Trade—Preservation of the Seals—International Arbitration.

Washington, Dec. 6.—President McKinley's first message to the congress of the United States is as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: It gives me pleasure to extend greeting to the Fifty-fifth congress, assembled at the seat of government, with many of whose senators and representatives I have been associated in the legislative service. Their meeting occurs under felicitous conditions, justifying sincere congratulation and calling for our grateful acknowledgement to a beneficient Providence which has so signally blessed and prospered us as a nation. Peace and good will with all the nations of the earth continue unbroken. A matter of genuine satisfaction is the growing feeling of fraternal regard and unification of all sections of our country, the incompleteness of which has too long delayed realization of the highest blessings of the Union. The spirit of patriotism is universal and is ever increasing in fervor.

The public questions which now most engross us are lifted far above either partisanship, prejudice or former sectional differences. They affect every part of our common country alike, and permit of no division on ancient lines. Questions of foreign policy, of revenue, the soundness of the currency, the inviolability of national obligations, the improvement of the public service, appeal to the individual conscience of every earnest citizen, to whatever party he belongs or in whatever section of the country he may reside. The extra session of this congress, which closed during July last, enacted important legislation, and while its full effect has not yet been realized, what it has already accomplished assures us of its timeliness and wisdom. To test its permanent value further time will be required, and the people, satisfied with its operation and results thus far, are in no mind to withhold from it a fair trial.

CURRENCY THE MAIN QUESTION.

Calls Attention to What We Have Done and What Is To Be Done.

Tariff legislation having been settled by the extra session of congress the question next pressing for consideration is that of the currency.

The work of putting our finances upon a sound basis, difficult as it may seem, will appear easier when we recall the finacial operations of the government since 1866. [The president then gives a review of the financial operation of the government since the war.] The brief review of what was accomplished from the close of the war to 1893 makes unreasonable and groundless any distrust either of our financial ability or soundness; while the situation from 1893 to 1897 must admonish congress of the immediate necessity of so legislating as to make the return of the conditions then prevailing impossible. There are many plans proposed as a remedy for the evil. Before we can find the true remedy we must appreciate the real evil. It is not that our currency of every kind is not good, for every dollar of it is good; good because the government's pledge will not be broken. However, the guaranty of our purpose to keep the pledge will be best shown by advancing towards its fulfillment.

The evil of the present system is found in the great cost to the government of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money; that is, keeping all of them at par with gold. We surely cannot longer be heedless of the burden this imposes upon the people even under fairly prosperous conditions, while the past four years have demonstrated that it is not only an expensive charge upon the government but a dangerous menace of the national credit. It is manifest that we must devise some plan to protect the government against bond issues for repeated redemptions. We must either curtail the opportunity for speculation, made easy by the multiplied redemptions of our demand obligations, or increase the gold reserve for their redemption.

We have $900,000,000 of currency which the government by solemn enactment has undertaken to keep at par with gold. Nobody is obliged to redeem in gold but the government. The banks are not required to redeem in gold. The government is obliged to keep equal with gold all its outstanding currency and gold obligations, while its receipts are not required to be paid in gold. They are paid in every kind of money but gold, and the only means by which the government can with certainty get gold is by borrowing. It can get it in no other way when it most needs it. The government without any fixed gold revenue is pledged to maintain gold redemption, which it has steadily and faithfully done and which under the authority now given it will continue to do so.

The law which requires the government after having redeemed its United States notes to pay them out again as current funds demands a constant replenishment of the gold reserve. This is especially so in times of business panic and when the revenues are insufficient to meet the expenses of the government. At such tims the government has no other way to supply its deficit and maintain redemption, but through the increase of its bonded debt, as during the administration of my predecessor, when $262,315,400 of 4½ per cent. bonds were issued and sold and the proceeds used to pay the expenses of the government in excess of the revenues and sustain the gold reserve. While it is true that the greater part of the proceeds of these bonds were used to supply deficient revenues, a considerable portion was required to maintain the gold reserve. Without revenues equal to our expenses there would be no deficit requiring the issue of bonds. But if the gold reserve falls below $100,000,000 how will it be replenished except by selling more bonds? Is there any other way practicable under existing law?

SERIOUS QUESTION PROPOUNDED.

Shall We Continue the Present Policy?—Recommendation as to Greenbacks.

The serious question then is, shall we continue the policy that has been pursued in the past; that is, when the gold reserve reaches the point of danger, issue more bonds and supply the needed gold, or shall we provide other means to prevent these recurring drains upon the gold reserve? If no further legislation is had along the policy of issuing bonds is to be continued, then congress should give the secretary of the treasury authority to sell bonds at long or short periods bearing a less rate of interest than is now authorized by law.

I earnestly recommend, as soon as the receipts of the government are quite sufficient to pay all the exepenses of the government, that when any of the United States notes are presented for redemption in gold and are redeemed in gold such notes shall be kept and set apart, and only paid out in exchange for gold. This is an obvious duty. If the holder of the United States note prefers the gold and gets it from the government he should not receive back from a United States note without paying gold in exchange for it. The reason for this is made all the more apparent when the government issues an interest-bearing debt to provide gold for the redemption of United States notes—a non-interest bearing debt. Surely it should not pay them out again except on demand and for gold. If they are put out in any other way they may return again to be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest-bearing debt to redeem a non-interest bearing debt.

In my view it is of the utmost importance that the government should be relieved from the burden of providing all the gold required for exchanges and export. This responsibility is alone borne by the government without any of the usual and necessary banking powers to help itself. The banks do not feel the strain of gold redemption. The whole strain rests upon the government, and the size of the gold reserve in the treasury has come to be, with or without reason, the signal of danger or of security. This ought to be stopped. If we are to have an era of prosperity in the country with sufficient receipts for the expenses of the government we may feel no immediate embarrassment from our present currency; but the danger still exists, and will be ever present menacing us so long as the existing system continues. And, besides, it is in times of adequate revenues and business tranquility that the government should prepare for the worst. We can not avoid without serious consequence the wise consideration and prompt solution of this question.

The secretary of the treasury has outlined a plan in great detail for the purpose of removing the threatened recurrence of a depleted gold reserve and save us from future embarrassment on that account. To this plan I invite your careful consideration. I concur with the secretary of the treasury in his recommendation that national banks be allowed to issue notes to the fact value of the bonds which they have deposited for circulation, and that the tax on circulating notes secured by deposit of such bonds be reduced to one-half of 1 per cent. per annum. I also join him in recommending that authority be given for the establishment of national banks with a minimum capital of $25,000. This will enable the smaller villages and agricultural regions of the country to be supplied with currency to meet their needs.

I recommend that the issue of national bank notes be restricted to the denomination of $10 and upwards. If the suggestions I have herein made shall have the approval of congress, then I would recommend that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

CONSIDERS THE CUBAN PROBLEM.

Tells the Story of the Island's Years of Unrest and Discontent.

The most important problem with which this government is now called upon to deal pertaining to its foreign relations concerns its duty toward Spain and the Cuban insurrection. Problems and conditions more or less in common with those now existing have confronted this government at various times in the past. The story of Cuba for many years has been one of unrest; growing discontent; an effort toward a larger enjoyment of liberty and self-control; of organized resistance to the mother country; of depression after distress and warfare, and of ineffectual settlement to be followed by renewed revolt. For no enduring period since the enfranchisement of the continental possessions of Spain in the western continent has the condition of Cuba or the policy of Spain toward Cuba not caused concern to the United States.

The prospect from time to time that the weakness of Spain's hold upon the island and the political vicissitudes and embarrassments of the home government might lead to the transfer of Cuba to a continental power called forth, between 1823 and 1860, various emphatic declarations of the policy of the United States to permit no disturbance of Cuba's connection with Spain unless in the direction of independence or acquisition by us through purchase, nor has there been any change of this declared policy since upon the part of the government. The revolution which began in 1868 lasted for ten years, despite the strenuous efforts of the successive peninsular governments to suppress it. Then as now the government of the United States testified its grave concern and offered its aid to put an end to bloodshed in Cuba. The overtures made by General Grant were refused and the war dragged on, entailing great loss of life and treasure and increased injury to American interests, besides throwing enhanced burdens of neutrality on the government.

In 1878 peace was brought about by the truce of Zanjon, obtained by negotiations between the Spanish commander, Martinez de Campos, and the insurgent leaders. The present insurrection broke out in February, 1895. It is not my purpose at this time to recall its remarkable increase or to characterize its tenacious resistance against the enormous forces massed against it by Spain. The revolt and the efforts to subdue it have carried destruction to every quarter of the island, developing wide proportions and defying the efforts of Spain for its suppression. The civilized code of war has been disregarded; no less so by the Spaniards than by the Cubans. The existing conditions cannot but fill this government and the American people with the gravest apprehension. There is no desire on the part of our people to profit by the misfortunes of Spain. We have only the desire to see the Cubans prosperous and contented, enjoying that measure of self-control which is the inalienable right of man, protected in their right to reap the benefit of the exhaustless treasures of their country.

CONCENTRATION IS A FAILURE.

Was Not Civilized Warfare—Instructions Given to Minister Woodford.

The offer made by my predecessor in April, 1896, tendering the friendly offices of this government failed. Any mediation on our part was not accepted. In brief the answer said: "There is no effectual way to pacify Cuba unless it begins with the actual submission of the rebels to the mother country." Then only could Spain act in the premised direction of her own motion and after her own plans. The cruel policy of concentration was initiated Feb. 16, 1896. The productive districts controlled by the Spanish armies were depopulated. The agricultural inhabitants were herded in and about the garrison towns, their lands laid waste and their dwellings destroyed. This policy the late cabinet of Spain justified as a necessary measure of war and as a means of cutting off supplies from the insurgents. It has utterly failed as a war measure.

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THE EVENING NEWS.

THIRD YEAR—NO. 675. BE HARBOR, MICH., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1897. ONE CENT.

RING OF THE CURFEW

Members of the Council Pledge a Band of Brave W. C. T. U. Women.

A BIG GRIST OF BUSINESS.

Perplexity Over a Bill From Buchanan—Harbor Appropriation Made.

The common council last evening transacted the following business:

At the request of the W. C. T. U ordered the city attorney to draft a curfew ordinance applying to all children under 16.

Allowed bills to the amount of nearly $1,500.

Studied over a bill of $87.77 sent from Buchanan for caring for an indigent person claimed to be a charge against the city.

Appropriated $500 toward securing a harbor appropriation, Aldermen McDonald and Rowe voting no.

Committee appointed to assist in the preparation of "Headlight Flashes."

Board of public works authorized to make plans and estimate cost for Brunson avenue sewer.

Fire wardens made report of the condition of the city from a financial standpoint.

Benton Harbor's sun was slowly setting o'er the lake waves high and wide, and the land was filled with beauty at the close of one glad day. In fact the sun had really gone down when Mrs D Hunt, the president and five other faithful members of the W. C. T. U. entered the council chamber last evening. As soon as the meeting was officially opened Mayor Bell called upon the ladies to present their mission. Mrs Hunt presented a petition asking the council to pass a curfew ordinance: to provide for the ringing of a bell or the blowing of the whistle at the water works station at 8 o'clock from October to April and 9 o'clock from April to October. Any child under 16 on the street unaccompanied by parent or guardian to be subject to a fine of 50 cents for the first offense, $1 for the second offense, and $1 added for every subsequent offense. Mayor Bell asked the ladies how the curfew law had operated in other Michigan cities and the reply was that it had worked most satisfactorily.

Alderman Volheim moved that the city attorney be requested to draw a curfew ordinance in accordance with the petition and the same was passed by a unanimous vote, the full council being present.

Mrs. Hunt fervently thanked the council for the action taken. She said: "When it was first discussed that we visit the council one of the women asked if I would not be afraid to go before your honorable body. I replied that I would just as soon go to a council meeting as to a prayer meeting, and at no prayer meeting were I better treated than at your meeting tonight."

A Big Bill from Buchanan.

After the regular routine of bills had been audited, amounting to nearly $1,500, Poormaster Rowe presented a bill, or rather a set of bills, from Buchanan for goods furnished to an indigent person named William Showalter, a former resident of this city. Mr. Rowe visited Buchanan and authorized a grocery bill of $1.50 per week for the family but the order had been stuffed until it amounts to $87.77, besides a $52 doctor's bill presented by Dr. Orville Curtis. The itemized statement of the doctor showed that the charges of Buchanan physicians, when it is expected Benton Harbor will pay, are not made with an eye to economy. It is a question, the poormaster said, whether Showalter is a legitimate Benton Harbor claimant or not. In the explanation of the case Mr. Rowe paid the former supervisor of Buchanan, Mr. Beistle, some very doubtful compliments.

The doctor made an affidavit to his claim before a notary public, the name of whom the poormaster read as "F. A. Stinker," and the apparent appropriateness of the name to the occasion caused the council chamber to ring with merriment. The matter was referred to the finance committee, the city attorney and poormaster.

The Harbor Appropriation.

There was an extended debate over the matter of a $500 appropriation to help in securing a large appropriation for the harbor. J. S. Morton, secretary of the Graham & Morton transportation company, explained that if Benton Harbor voted $500, St. Joseph would do the same, the Big Four and Graham & Morton companies would pay $500 each, the Vandalia company, and the M., B. H. & C. each $250, which with the $600 left over from the fund raised six years ago, it seemed possible that an appropriation of $375,000 could be secured. President Ingalls, of the Big Four, had just written Mr. Morton that the time was very favorable for a large appropriation. With that amount the piers could be extended and permanent work done on a deep waterway. The railroads are now looking to this harbor and the Canadian Pacific, the Michigan Central and the Baltimore & Ohio have begun to ship freight through this port. With a deep harbor, Mr. Morton declared, the future of the city was secure.

Alderman McDonald was very contrary about it. He believed the transportation companies would keep up the harbors anyway, and again advocated the filling up of the canal and the making of a harbor at Double Gap, where in his opinion it ought to be. The captain also worked a little politics into it. He said that if Mr. Jarvis had been sent to congress Benton Harbor could get an appropriation without raising any money.

After speeches by Aldermen Ward and Volheim, and a bit of history related by the mayor, the question was called and the $500 appropriation voted only Aldermen McDonald and Rowe, both members from the second ward, voting no.

Some Other Things

The Seventh street sewer special assessment roll will be renewed December 20.

Aldermen McDonald, Volheim and Butzbach were appointed a committee to assist in the preparation of "Headlight Flashes."

The board of public works was authorized to make plans and estimate the cost of constructing the proposed sewer on Brunson avenue.

The fire wardens reported the city in a fairly good shape. They had ordered several changes made. Alderman Rowe believes that the fire warden business is a delusion and a snare. They can order this change or that made but there is no one to ever look and see whether the change is made or not.

Nothing was done in regard to new street lights. The two aldermen Brown believe there are lights enough if properly placed.

E. L. HAMILTON.

He Is on Hand to Push the St. Joseph Harbor Appropriation.

Washington, Dec. 7—When congress opened yesterday there was only one vacancy in the Michigan seats. Both senators were on hand, and in the house, Messrs. Corliss, Spalding, Todd, Hamilton, Wm. Alden Smith, Sam W. Smith, Snover, Brucker, Bishop, Crump and Sheldon, were in their places. Few of them had any particular business to offer, as most of the important bills for the state were introduced during the extra session.

General Spaulding, however, was sorting over the material for a currency bill of the "safe bimetallism" design, which he will introduce as soon as he sees any chance for currency legislation. He has little hope in that direction, however, it may be added in passing.

Mr. Hamilton had the statistics at hand to open a fight at the right time for a bigger appropriation for St. Joseph harbor, where huge car ferries, 400 feet long by 50 feet wide are now doing business under great difficulties. He will need a general enlargement of all the harbor facilities if he gets what the place apparently needs to meet the fast growing demands. In all the floral array in the house, the only Michigan members to be remembered was Mr. Brucker, who found a large bunch of American beauty roses upon his desk.

Cleveland's Baking Powder

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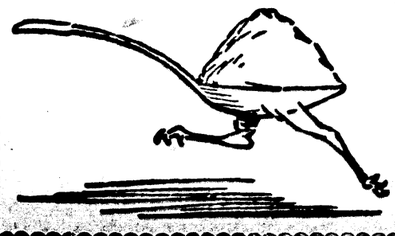

as others, with their "heaping spoonful," but it lasts longer and is more economical.

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NOW IN SESSION.

District Convention of the Christian Church in This City.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the semi-annual convention of the Second District association of the Christian church began at the church on Broadway. The district is composed of seven counties and a dozen ministers are expected and delegates from as many more churches. State Evangelist McMillan is expected.

This evening Rev. William Chappell will preach. The sessions are all open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

WOULDN'T PRINT IT.

Palladium Refused to Set Baroda People Right.

The following letter was sent to the Palladium some time ago, but that paper refused to publish it. THE NEWS has been requested to publish it in justice to the people of Baroda:

EDITOR PALLADIUM:—On November 16 the following came out in your paper concerning the postoffice at this place: "In view of the misstatements that have gone out regarding the Baroda postoffice, we are requested by a prominent citizen of that village to state that there is no dissatisfaction over the appointment of W. E. Hogue as postmaster there, except on the part of the disappointed candidates."

I wish to say that the above article is not true in one special respect. As one of the disappointed competitors, as he calls them, I do not wish to be placed before the public and singled out with the small sum of three who are dissatisfied. I do not hesitate to say that the appointment was not only dissatisfactory to a large majority of the patrons of the office but to a number of the leading republicans of the township in the way it was done. Had it not been for a report that Mr. Hogue made himself that he was told by a prominent man last spring in St. Joseph, that he knew Hamilton so well that he did not need any petition to get the office, there would not have been any dissatisfaction on the part of anyone. Mr. Hogue has had the appointment since October 26. Why is it that he has not got possession of the office? If it is the three little disappointed competitors spoken of that is delaying the moving of the office, please present the petition for order of removal and I will put on my name.

Heretofore, I have not taken any part in the newspaper correspondence, neither do I wish to now, but as was stated in the above letter by the "foremost citizen of Baroda" on the 16th that all the dissatisfaction was on the part of the competitors, which is not true, I feel it the privilege as well as the duty of some one to correct that statement.

I do not wish to misrepresent anyone in this matter, neither do I want to be misrepresented myself for there has been too much said about this affair already to be beneficial to all parties concerned. B. F. SWOPE.

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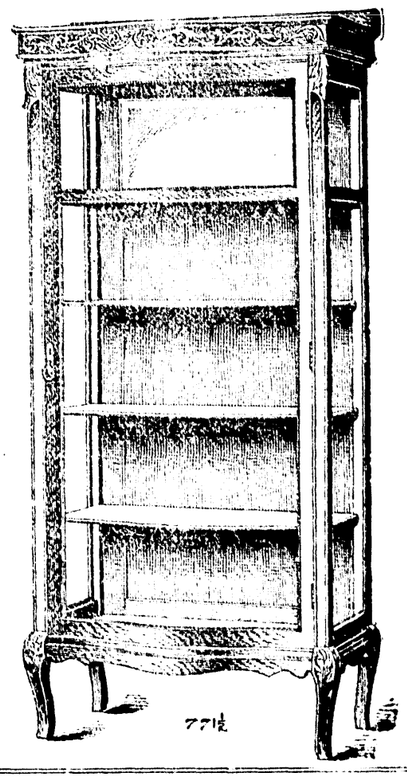

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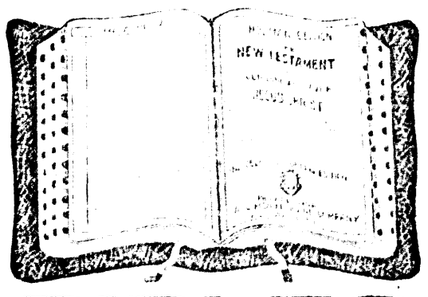

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TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1897.

STOLEN THUNDER.

About a week ago Charles T. Yerkes, the street car monopolist in Chicago, startled the people of that city by declaring that the only proper thing to do was to fill up the muddy Chicago river and make it into a boulevard.

Everybody has been asking where Yerkes got his idea. Like a half-forgotten dream many people imagined they had heard its like before, but where or when they could not tell.

The idea is two years old. It was given to the world by Captain McDonald of this city. At a harbor meeting in St. Joseph year before last Mr. McDonald startled the community by advocating the filling up of our ship canal—a plan identical to that advoca ed by the street car millionaire two years later.

It is wondered whether Yerkes knows McDonald, but at any rate it is certain that the Chicago man has stolen the thunder of the senior alderman from the second ward.

THE NEWS heartily sympathizes with Alderman McDonald. Though sometimes he has peculiar notions, he is an able, enterprising and conscientious citizen and in his record there is nothing that makes him deserving of his present position—having Mr. Yerkes advocate one of his pet notions.

The course of Mr. Yerkes will probably convince the alderman that his own idea was wholly wrong.

IT is a debatable question whether Charles J. Brown is a success or a failure as city treasurer. Monday Mr. Brown collected $1,000 in taxes and he was not through with receiving congratulations when Monday evening came and the common council paid out about $15,00 keeping Brown as treasurer and figuring 312 working days in a year the annual deficit at that rate would be $156,000.

IT is cruelly asserted that Alderman McDonald wants the canal filled in so about not be condemned without hearing.

IF a curfew ordinance is passed here—which is a good thing—Governor Pingree may get the impression that he is not governor of every spot in Michigan.

EVERYBODY is talking about that prize Christmas dinner that the lady readers of the NEWS are preparing.

HON. Lorin A. Thurston himself could not have written a better message in regard to Hawaii.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—Comparative closing prices on wheat for two days.

	Dec. 6	Dec. 4
Wheat—December.....	96	95
January.....	89	89⅞
May.....	88⅞	89½
Corn—December.....	25⅛	25
January.....	25½	25½
May.....	28½	28½
Oats—December.....	20¾	20¾
May.....	22⅛	22⅛

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40 Men's all wool suits, small sizes only, both frocks and sacks, mostly dark colors, unparalelled values, were $12.50 to $18 each, now going at - - **$3 00**

24 pairs Men's shell Cordovan shoes, the very best make, all sizes, exceptional values at $5.00, now - - - - - - - - - **$2 79**

75 Boys' knee pant suits, sizes 4 to 10, heavy weight, dark colors, assorted patterns, were $3.00 to $7.50, now - - - - - - - **$1 75**

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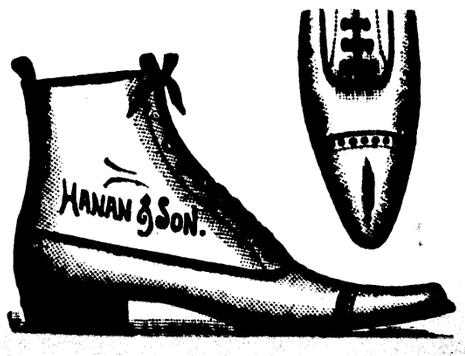

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

LYRIC Ladies tomorrow night.

ALGER Guard drill in their new armory tonight.

THE ice today made the horseshoers lots of business.

THE School Dreams company is about to give away $5 on a prize puzzle.

IT is the week that Herr Brothers are making special prices on dinner and chamber sets.

THE office of the city treasurer is open for the receipt of tax money from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

A NUMBER of young men from St. Joseph are expected at the Alger Guard drill tonight.

THE government tug Gilmore is being put on the way at Allmendinger's shipyard this afternoon.

BENTON Harbor people will show a lack of enterprise if Jake Enders isn't voted the most popular man.

ONE person was baptized at the Christian church Sunday morning and united with that denomination.

THE hearing of "Doc" Calderwood on the charge of prize fighting was adjourned until Saturday this morning.

IT is Conductor Tom Glavin who will fight with Conductor Boughton for the $10 silver lantern at the Catholic fair.

THE Farmer's institute will begin in the Jones & Sonner hall at 10:45 tomorrow. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

SEASON tickets for the Benton Harbor lecture course may now be had for 75 cents. The next entertainment will be the Lyric Ladies tomorrow night.

A TRIP to Coney island next January will not be forgotten soon and you will agree that the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian institute and P. T. Barnum are outdone.

THE Phoenix accident association is doing good work in Grand Rapids and has a larger membership in that city than in Benton Harbor. The first of the year the company will begin doing business in Indiana.

THE Simon Comedy company are playing this week at Hammond, Ind. Since leaving this city they have encountered much bad weather but in spite of it they have played to good houses. They go from Hammond to Chicago where they will remain a week.

THE ladies of Circle No. 1 of the M. E. church will give a Norpope social next Tuesday evening, December 7, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christensen, 112 Lincoln street. Everybody and their friends are invited. Refreshments will be served. Admission 10 cents.

E. W. MOORE has just received a large stock of the famous Cranz confectionery that he is unpacking for the Christmas trade. Mr. Moore is meeting with wonderful success in his department store and it is hard to find a time of day when there is not a rush of customers.

WORD was received here yesterday that the 12 year-old son of Luke Brewer, a former resident of Sodus, who moved to Benzie county last spring, was killed by a train running over him last Sunday. Mrs. Richardson, of this city, and Stephen Brewer, of Sodus, left today to attend the funeral.

LAST Thursday while pounding iron at his shop Aldermon Volheim met with an accident. A sharp chip of steel flew from his hammer and cut a half-inch gash in the thumb of his left hand and lodged in the bone. Dr. Bostick has decided that a surgical operation will be necessary.

ALREADY the business of shipping Excelsior mineral water has grown to considerable proportions. Yesterday twelve barrels and 25 dozen bottle were shipped away and ten orders were filled today. The water has made a reputation for itself in several Illinois towns, in Detroit and Fargo, N. D.

THIEVES tried to break into the back basement of the butter store of Crisp & Arnt last night. They cut a hole in the door and tried to reach the key, but the key was not in the door as was usual. Besides the thief was trying to break into the wrong door, into the basement just one door north of the butter store which is empty. In cutting the hole in the door the thief hurt his hand as the door is spattered with blood.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Special.

Until January 1, 1898, I will furnish spectacles and eye glasses, properly fitted, at just one-half of regular prices. First quality of goods only.

R. W. BAKER, Optician,
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If you want a fine finish on your goods and a perfect fitting neck band go to the Enterprise laundry. tf603

Leave orders for one of those extra fine five pound boxes of mixed bon bon and chocolate. Christmas prices $1.25

EDGAR NICHOLS.

Wallace Bros.' candy maker makes fresh taffy every day. tf672

The two cigars "Columbia" and "Our Congressman."

Wallace Bros. are giving two bicycles away.

NEARLY OUTLAWED.

Berrien Springs Man Sues on Old Notes

Benjamin F. Case of Berrien Springs by his attorneys, Gore & Harvey, has brought suit on two notes amounting to $700, and given January 4, 1892, to Mr. Case W. H. Graham, by A. A. Patterson, jr., D. H. Patterson and Fred L. Reeves. The suit will be tried in the circuit court.

G. A. R. Election at Galien.

Galien, Dec. 7.—The following officers were elected December 4, of George A. Custer, Post 208, G. A. R., Dept. of Michigan for ensuing year: Commander, Isaac Harner; S. V. C., Francis Hanoner; J. V. C., J. D. White; Chap., Robert Alcott; O. F. D., W. J. Lyon; Q. M., William Beach; O. F. G. Lewis Roberts, Surgeon, William B. Crocker.

Scrofula is the advertisement of foul blood. It may be entirely driven from the system by the faithful use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly purifies the blood.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness. 25c

He Favored the Idea.

"My dear," he said as he laid down the paper, "you ought to read that address by Mrs. Mouser, the eminent lecturer, on woman's work. She says that whenever a wife gets angry she should stop and carefully consider the matter for ten minutes before saying a word to her husband. That's a grand idea."

"It is, eh?"

"I consider it so."

"And where will you be when I begin talking?"

"Oh, I don't know—somewhere down town, I presume, but don't let that interfere with you at all."

And she was so mad that she didn't say a word for the full time limit.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE MIDWINTER FAIR

Is the Title of the Universalist Bazar.

Last but not least is the Midwinter fair to be given by the ladies of the Universalist church at Conkey's hall Wednesday and Thursday, December 15 and 16. Each year they offer the public a novelty and treat at their annual sale and general good time. This year the prevailing decorations will be green and white.

The fancy work offered for sale needs no praise. Something for everyone from six months of age up to sixty years.

Splendid programs are promised for each evening. Appetizing meals, dinners and suppers, breakfasts by special arrangement with the cook, daintily served and cooked beyond criticism, as usual. All meals will be served in the dining room of the Midwinter fair, 15 cents a plate. A fish pond will be promised for the children. No one is too poor to indulge in a nickle's worth of pleasure, a nickle being the price of admission at the door. Fair open day and evening.

J. G. B. ASTENIUS, the tuner from Chicago, will be in Benton Harbor on or about December, 13. Leaves orders early, either at Mrs. F. B. Cary's music studio or postoffice box 1134. Mr. Astenius is taking the place of his brother during the month of December. He will stop at Hotel Benton.

Have you seen Wallace Bros.' fine of candy. 116 Pipestone street.

Tax Notice.

The tax rolls of the city of Benton Harbor are now in my hands for collection. Taxes paid on or before January 10, 1897, will not have an added charge for collection, after that date 5 per cent will be added.

Taxes will be received from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. each day.

2t675 C. J. Brown, city treasurer.
Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 7, 1897.

Instruction in Telegraphy.

I will be prepared to instruct a limited number of pupils in telegraphy, beginning about December 15. Terms on application. MRS. A. A. RIGHTER,
6t672 Coloma.

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Vote for Jake Enders in the cane contest. 6t672

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Greatest Sacrifice ever known. Extraordinary Low Prices

Your choice from complete stock of Ladies' and Men's Shoes, worth from $3 00 to $5 00, only **$2 50**

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Of practical, common sense, economical holiday goods, expressly for holiday purposes, at the lowest prices

Curtains, Rugs & Chenille Covers

Rich Rugs in Smyrna and Moquette, from 98c to $4 00
Exquisite Portieres, at $1 19, 2.48, 3 98 to $6.00
Chenille Covers, at 48c, 89c, $1.25 to 3.48

Dress Patterns

$4.00 Dress Pattern	$2.25 Dress Pattern	$4 50 Dress Pattern	$7.00 Dress Pattern	$9 00 Dress Pattern
$2 73	$1 23	$2 89	$4 89	$6 26

Children's Fur Sets

Beautiful white Angora sets, at $1.75, 2.48, 3.00 and 4.00
Lamb's wool Muff and Scarf, ornamented with head and ribbons, at from $2.00 to 3.50

Cloak Clearing Sale

We mention a few of the many saving chances:

Ladies' cloth capes, at $3.19
Ladies' boucle and beaver jackets, 4 48
Ladies' fine plush capes, worth $11.00, 7 39
Children's and misses' jackets, at $1.19, 2.48, 3.69 to 6.00

RAPP & CO.

The New York Store, 107 Pipestone Street

Special December Sale WINTER UNDERWEAR..

..Men's, Ladies' and Children's...

Children's vest and pants, size 16 to 24, at 15c.
Misses' vest and pants, 26 to 34, at 25c.
Boys' shirts and drawers, sizes 24 to 34, at 25c.
Boys' shirts and drawers, natural mixture, sizes 24 to 34, at 35c.
Misses' and Children's all wool vest and pants from 30c up.
Ladies' fleece lined vest and pants, at 25c.
Ladies' fleece lined vest and pants, at 35c.
Ladies' fleece lined vest and pants, at 49c.
Ladies' natural worsted vest and pants, at 59c.
Ladies' Union suits, at 89c.
Ladies' fine lamb's wool vest and pants, at $1.00.
Ladies' fine Saxony Union suits, at $1.49.
Ladies' fine Saxony vest and pants, at 98c.
Ladies' Union suits, Australian wool, at $1.98.
Ladies' Tesildown night gowns, at 89c.
Men's shirts and drawers, at 19c.
Men's natural random shirts and drawers, at 33c.
Men's natural wool shirts and drawers, at 49c.
Men's camel hair shirts and drawers, at 49c.
Men's Scotch wool shirts and drawers, at 69c.
Men's extra heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers, at 63c.
Men's heavy fine lamb's wool shirts and drawers, at 98c.
Men's plush fleeced lamb's wool shirts and drawers, at 98c.
Men's night robes at 49c and 69c.
Men's heavy overshirts, at 49c, 69c, 85c and $1.00.

Just received--A case of Ladies' ready made, fleece lined Wrappers from 75c to $2.50.

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Chicago Bargain Store

Leaders of Low and Popular Prices.

106 East Main Street, Hotel Benton Block, Benton Harbor.

President's Message continued from page 2.

It was not civilized warfare. It was extermination. Against this abuse of the rights of war I have felt constrained on repeated occasions to enter the firm and earnest protest of this government. * * * I felt it my first duty to make instant demand for the release or speedy trial of all American citizens under arrest. * * *

The instructions given to our new minister to Spain before his departure for his post directed him to impress upon that government the sincere wish of the United States to lend its aid toward the ending of the war in Cuba by reaching a peaceful and lasting result, just and honorable alike to Spain and to the Cuban people. Those instructions recited the character and duration of the contest, the widespread losses it entails, the burdens and restraints it imposes upon us, with constant disturbance of national interests, and the injury resulting from an indefinite continuance of this state of things. It was stated that at this juncture our government was constrained to seriously inquire if the time was not ripe when Spain of her own volition, moved by her own interests and every sentiment of humanity, should put a stop to this destructive war and make proposals of settlement honorable to herself and just to her Cuban colony. It was urged that as a neighboring nation, with large interests in Cuba, we could be required to wait only a reasonable time for the mother country to establish its authority and restore order within the borders of the island; that we could not contemplate as indefinite period for the accomplishment of this result. No solution was proposed to which the slightest idea of humiliation to Spain could attach and indeed precise proposals were withheld to avoid embarrassment to that government.

All that was asked or expected was that some safe way might be speedily provided and permanent peace restored. It so chanced that the consideration of this offer, addressed to the same Spanish administration which had declined the tenders of my predecessor and which for more than two years had poured men and treasure into Cuba in the fruitless effort to suppress the revolt, fell to others. Between the departure of General Woodford, the new envoy, and his arrival in Spain, the statesmen who had shaped the policy of his country fell by the hand of an assassin, and although the cabinet of the late premier still held office and received from our envoy the proposals he bore that cabinet gave place within a few days thereafter to a new administration under the leadership of Sagasta

REPLY THAT SAGASTA MADE.

Ackknowledges Our Interest and Outlines a New Policy.

The reply to our note was received on the 23d day of October. It is in the direction of a better understanding. It appreciates the friendly purposes of this government. It admits that our country is deeply affected by the war in Cuba and that its desires for peace are just It declares that the present Spanish government is bound by every consideration to a change of policy that should satisfy the United States and pacify Cuba within a reasonable time. To this end Spain has decided to put into effect the political reforms heretofore advocated by the present premier, without halting for any consideration in the path which in its judgment leads to peace. The military operations, it is said, will continue, but will be humane and conducted with all regard for private rights, being accompanied by political action leading to the autonomy of Cuba while guarding Spanish sovereignty. This, it is claimed, will result in investing Cuba with a distinct personality; the island to be governed by an executive and by a local council or chamber, reserving to Spain the control of the foreign relations, the army and navy and the judicial administration. To accomplish this the present government proposes to modify existing legislation by decrees, leaving the Spanish cortes, with the aid of Cuban senators and deputies, to solve the economic problem and properly distribute the existing debt.

In the absence of a declaration of the measures that this government proposes to take in carrying out its proffer of good offices it suggests that Spain be left free to conduct military operations and grant political reforms; while the United States, for its part, shall enforce its neutral obligations and cut off the assistance which it is asserted the insurgents receive from this country. The supposition of an indefinite prolongation of the war is denied. It is asserted that the western provinces are already well nigh reclaimed; that the planting of cane and tobacco therein has been resumed, and that by force of arms and new and ample reforms very early and complete pacification is hoped for. The immediate amelioration of existing conditions under the new administration of Cuban affairs is predicted, and therewithal the disturbance and all occasion for any change of attitude on the part of the United States.

Discussion of the question of the international duties and responsibilities of the United States as Spain understands them is presented with an apparent disposition to charge us with failure in this regard. This charge is without any basis in fact. It could not have been made if Spain had been cognizant of the constant efforts this government has made at the cost of millions and by the employment of the administrative machinery of the nation at command to perform its full duty according to the law of nations. That it has successfully prevented the departure of a single military expedition or armed vessel from our shores in violation of our laws would seem to be a sufficient answer. But of this aspect of the Spanish note it is not necessary to speak further now. Firm in the conviction of a wholly performed obligation, due response to this charge has been made in diplomatic course.

Throughout all these horrors and dangers to our own peace this government has never broken over or in any way abrogated its sovereign prerogative of reserving to itself the determination of its policy and course according to its own high sense of right and in consonance with the dearest interests and convictions of our own people, should the prolongation of the war so demand.

MEASURES AS YET UNTRIED.

Refers to Congressional Actions and Recognition of Cuban Belligerency.

Of the untried measures there remain only: Recognition of the insurgents as belligerents; recognition of the independence of Cuba; neutral intervention to end the war by imposing a rational compromise between the insurgents, and intervention in favor of one or the other party. I speak not of forcible annexation, for that cannot be thought of. That by our code of morality would be criminal aggression. Recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents has often been canvassed as a possible if not inevitable step, both in regard to the previous ten years' struggle and during the present war. I am not unmindful that the two houses of congress in the spring of 1896 expressed the opinion by concurrent resolution that a condition of public war existed requiring or justifying the recognition of the state of belligerency in Cuba, and during the extra session the senate voted a joint resolution of like import, which, however, was not brought to a vote in the house of representatives.

In the presence of these significant expressions of the sentiment of the legislative branch it behooves the executive to soberly consider the conditions under which so important a measure must needs rest for justification. It is to be seriously considered whether the Cuban insurrection possesses beyond dispute the attributes of statehood which alone can demand the recognition of belligerency in its favor. Possession, in short, of the essential qualifications of sovereignty by the insurgents and the conduct of the war by them according to the received code of war are no less important factors toward the determination of the problem of belligerency than are the influences and consequences of the struggle upon the internal polity of the recognizing state.

[The president then quotes approvingly the utterances of President Grant in his message of Dec. 7, 1875, when he said that recognition of the independence of Cuba was indefensible at that time and that belligerence was a fact that the Cuban situation then did not present.]

Turning to the practical aspects of a recognition of belligerency and reviewing its inconveniences and positive dangers still further pertinent considerations appear. In the code of nations there is no such thing as a naked recognition of belligerency unaccompanied by the assumption of international neutrality. Such recognition without more will not confer upon either party to a domestic conflict a status not heretofore actually possessed, or affect the relation of either party to other states. The act of recognition usually takes the form of a solemn proclamation of neutrality which recites the de facto condition of belligerency as its motive. It announces a domestic law of neutrality in the declaring state. It assumes the international obligations of a neutral in the presence of a public state of war. It warns all citizens and others within the jurisdiction of the proclaimant that they violate those righteous obligations at their own peril, and cannot expect to be shielded from the consequences.

The right of visit and search on the seas and seizures of vessels and cargoes as contraband of war and good prize under admiralty law must under international law be admitted as a legitimate consequence of a proclamation of belligerency. While according the equal belligerent rights defined by public law to each party in our ports, disfavors would be imposed on both which, while nominally equal, would weigh heavily in behalf of Spain herself. Possessing a navy and controlling the ports of Cuba her maritime rights could be asserted not only for the military investment of the island but up to the margin of our own territorial waters, and a condition of things would exist for which the Cubans within their own domain could not hope to create a parallel, while its creation through aid or sympathy from within our domain would be even more impossible than now, with the additional obligations of international neutrality we would perforce assume.

The enforcement of this enlarged and onerous code of neutrality would only be influential within our own jurisdiction by land and sea and applicable by our own instrumentalities. It could impart to the United States no jurisdiction between Spain and the insurgents. It would give the United States no right of intervention to enforce the conduct of the strife within the paramount authority of Spain according to the international code of war. For these reasons I regard the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise and therefore inadmissable. Should that step hereafter be deemed wise as a measure of right and duty the executive will take it.

AS TO HUMANITARIAN GROUND.

Reasons Advanced Why the United States Should Hold Its Hand.

Intervention upon humanitarian grounds has been frequently suggested, and has not failed to receive my most anxious and earnest consideration. But should such a step be now taken when it is apparent that a hopeful change has supervened in the policy of Spain toward Cuba? A new government has taken office in the mother country. It is pledged in advance to the declaration that all the effort in the world cannot suffice to maintain peace in Cuba by the bayonet; that vague promises of reform after subjugation afford no solution of the insular problem; that with a substitution of commanders must come a change of the past system of warfare for one in harmony with a new policy which shall no longer aim to drive the Cubans to the "horrible alternative of taking to the trucker or succumbing in misery," that reforms must be instituted in accordance with the needs and circumstances of the time, and that these reforms, while designed to give full autonomy to the colony and to create a virtual entity and self-controlled administration, shall yet assert and affirm the sovereignty of Spain by a just distribution of powers and burdens upon a basis of mutual interest untainted by methods of selfish expediency.

The first acts of the new government be in these honorable paths. The policy of cruel rapine and extermination that so long shocked the universal sentiment of humanity has been reversed. Under the new military commander a broad clemency is proffered. Measures save already been set on foot to relieve the horrors of starvation. The power of the Spanish armies, it is asserted, is to be used not to spread ruin and desolation, but to protect the resumption of peaceful agricultural pursuits and productive industries. That past methods are futile to force a peace by subjugation is freely admitted, and that ruin without conciliation must inevitably fail to win for Spain the fidelity of a contented dependency.

Decrees in application of the foreshadowed reforms have already been promulgated. The full text of these decrees has not been received, but as furnished in a telegraphic summary from our minister are: [The president here summarizes the scheme of autonomy, which has been already widely printed in the press.] That the government of Sagasta has entered upon a course from which recession with honor is impossible can hardly be questioned; that in the few weeks that it has existed it has made earnest of the sincerity of its professions is undeniable. I shall not impugn its sincerity, nor should impatience be suffered to embarrass it in the task it has undertaken. It is honestly due to Spain and to our friendly relations with Spain that she should be given a reasonable chance to realize her expectations and to prove the asserted efficacy of the new order of things to which she stands irrevocably committed. She has recalled the commander whose brutal orders inflamed the American mind and shocked the civilized world. She has modified the horrible order of concentration, and has undertaken to care for the helpless and permit those who desire to resume the cultivation of their fields to do so, and assures of them of the protection of the Spanish government in their lawful occupations. She has just released the Competitor prisoners heretofore sentenced to death, and who have been the subject of repeated diplomatic correspondence during both this and the preceding administration.

Not a single American citizen is now in arrest or confinement in Cuba of whom this government has any knowledge. The near future will demonstrate whether the indispensable condition of a righteous peace, just alike to the Cubans and to Spain, as well as equitable to our interests so intimately involved in the welfare of Cuba, is likely to be attained. If not, the exigency of further and other action by the United States will remain to be taken. When that time comes that action will be determined in the line of indisputable right and duty. It will be faced without misgiving hesitancy in the light of the obligation this government owes to itself, to the people who have confided to it the protection of their interests and honor and to humanity.

Sure of the right, keeping free from all offense ourselves, actuated only by upright and patriotic considerations, moved neither by passion nor selfishness, the government will continue its watchful care over the rights and property of American citizens, and will abate none of its efforts to bring about by peaceful agencies a peace which shall be honorable and enduring. If it shall hereafter appear to be a duty imposed by our obligations to ourselves, to civilization and humanity, to intervene with force it shall be without fault on our part, and only because the necessity for such action will be so clear as to command the support and approval of the civilized world.

FAVORS HAWAIIAN ANNEXATION.

Says That Every Consideration of Honor and Dignity Requires the Same.

By a special message dated the 16th day of June last, I laid before the senate a treaty signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the republic of Hawaii having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian islands as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty. The senate having removed the injunction of secrecy, although the treaty is still pending before that body, the subject may be properly referred to in this message because the necessary action of the congress is required to determine by legislation many details of the eventual union, should the fact of annexation be accomplished, as I believe it should be. While consistently disavowing from a very early period any aggressive policy of absorption in regard to the Hawaiian group, a long series of declarations through three-quarters of a century has proclaimed the vital interest of the United States in the independent life of the islands and their intimate commercial dependence upon this country. At the same time it has been repeatedly asserted that in no event could the entity of Hawaiian statehood cease by the passage of the islands under the domination or influence of another power than the United States.

Under these circumstances the logic of events required that annexation heretofore offered but declined, should in the ripeness of time come about as the natural result of the strengthening ties that bind us to those islands and be realized by the free will of the Hawaiian state. That treaty was unanimously ratified without amendment by the senate and president of the republic of Hawaii on the 10th of September last, and only the favorable action of the American senate to effect the complete absorption of the islands into the domain of the United States. What the conditions of such a union shall be, the political relation thereof to the United States, the character of the local administration, the quality and degree of the elective franchise of the inhabitants, the extension of the federal laws to the territory or the enactment of special laws to fit the peculiar condition thereof, the regulation if need be, of the labor system therein—are all matters which the treaty has wisely relegated to the congress.

If the treaty is confirmed, as every consideration of dignity and honor requires, the wisdom of congress will see to it that, avoiding abrupt assimilation of elements perhaps hardly yet fitted to share in the highest franchises of citizenship, and having due regard to the geographical conditions, the most just provisions for self rule in local matters, with the largest political liberties as an integral part of our nation will be accorded to the Hawaiians. No less is due to a people who, after nearly five years of demonstrated capacity to fulfill the obligations of self governing statehood, come of their own free will to merge their destinies in our body politic.

The questions which have arisen between Japan and Hawaii by reason of the treatment of Japanese laborers emigrating to the islands under the Hawaiian-Japanese convention of 1888 are in a satisfactory stage of settlement by negotiation. This government has not been invited to mediate and on the other hand has sought no intervention in that matter further than to express its kindliest disposition toward such a speedy and direct adjustment by the two sovereign states in interest as shall comport with equity and honor. It is gratifying to learn that the apprehensions at first displayed on the part of Japan lest the cessation of Hawaii's national life through annexation might impair privileges to which Japan honorably laid claim, have given place to confidence in the uprightness of this government and in the sincerity of its purpose to deal with all possible ulterior questions in the broadest spirit of friendliness.

WOLCOTT'S MISSION FOR SILVER.

President Hopes That It May Yet Result in an Agreement.

Under the provisions of the act of congress approved March 3, 1897, for the promotion of an international agreement respecting bimetallism, I appointed on the 14th day of April, 1897, Hon. Edward O. Wolcott, of Colorado, Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, of Illinois, and Hon. Charles J. Paine, of Massachusetts, as special envoys to represent the United States. They have been diligent in their efforts to secure the co-operation of European countries in the international settlement of the question, but up to this time have not been able to secure an agreement contemplated by their mission. The gratifying action of our great sister republic of France in joining this country in the attempt to bring about an agreement among the principal commercial nations of Europe whereby a fixed and relative value between gold and silver shall be secured, furnishes assurances that we are not alone among the larger nations of the world in realizing the international character of the problem, and in the desire of reaching some wise and practical solution of it.

The British government has published a resume of the steps taken jointly by the French ambassador in London and the special envoys of the United States, with whom our ambassador at London actively co-operated in the presentation of this subject to her majesty's government. This will be laid before congress. Our special envoys have not made their final report, as further negotiations between the representatives of this government and the governments of other countries are pending and in contemplation. They believe that doubts which have been raised in certain quarters respecting the position of maintaining the stability of the parity between the metals, and kindred questions, may yet be solved by further negotiations.

While it gives me satisfaction to state that the special envoys have already demonstrated their ability and fitness to deal with the subject, it is to be earnestly hoped that their labors may result in an international agreement which will bring about recognition of both gold and silver as money upon such terms and with such safeguards as will secure the use of both metals upon a basis which shall work no injustice to any class of our citizens.

EXTENSION OF FOREIGN TRADE.

Negotiation of Reciprocity Treaties—The Seal Question—Arbitration.

In order to execute as nearly as possible the provisions of the third and fourth sections of the revenue act approved July 24, 1897, I appointed the Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa, a special commissioner plenipotentiary to undertake the requisite negotiations with foreign countries desiring to avail themselves of these provisions. The negotiations are now proceeding with several governments, both European and American. It is believed that by a careful exercise of the powers conferred by that act some grievances of our own and of other countries in our mutual trade relations may be either removed or largely alleviated, and that the volume of our commercial exchanges may be enlarged with advantage to both contracting parties.

The efforts which had been made during the two previous years by my predecessor to secure better protection to the fur seals in the north Pacific ocean and Behring sea were renewed at an early date by this administration, and have been pursued with earnestness. Upon my invitation the governments of Japan and Russia sent delegates to Washington and an international conference was held during the months of October and November last, wherein it was unanimously agreed that under the existing regulations this species of useful animals was threatened with extinction and that an international agreement of all the interested powers was necessary for their adequate protection.

The government of Great Britain did not see proper to be represented at this conference, but subsequently sent to Washington as delegates the expert commissioners of Great Britain and Canada, who had during the past two years visited the Pribilof islands, and who met in conference similar commissioners on the part of the United States. The result of this conference was an agreement on important facts connected with the condition of the seal herd heretofore in dispute, which should place beyond controversy the duty of the governments concerned to adopt measures without delay for the preservation and restoration of the herd. Negotiations to this end are now in progress, the result of which I hope to be able to report to congress at an early day.

International arbitration can not be omitted from the list of subjects claiming our consideration. Events have only served to strength the general views on the question expressed in my inaugural address. The best sentiment of the civilized world is moving toward the settlement of differences between nations without resorting to the horrors of war. Treaties embodying these humane principles on broad lines, without in any way imperiling our interests or our honor, shall have my constant encouragement.

NAVY NOW IN NEED OF DOCKS.

Also of Armor and Projectiles—Remarks on Civil Service Reform.

The great increase of the navy which has taken place in recent years was jusified by the requirements for national defense and has received public approbation. The time has now arrived, however, when this increase should for a time take the form of increased facilities commensurate with the increase of our naval vessels. It is an unfortunate fact that there is only one dock on the Pacific coast capable of docking our largest ships, and only one on the Atlantic coast, and that the latter has for the last six or seven months been under repair and therefore incapable of use. Immediate steps should be taken to provide three or four docks of this capacity on the Atlantic coast, at least one on the Pacific coast, and a floating dock on the gulf. * * *

There should also be ample provision made for powder and projectiles and other munitions of war, and for an increased number of officers and enlisted men. Some additions are also necessary to our navy yards for the repair and care of our larger number of vessels. * * * I concur with the recommendation of the secretary of the navy for an appropriation authorizing the construction of one battleship for the Pacific coast, and one for a special torpedo boats to be authorized in connection with our general system of coast defense. [The president also calls attention to the need of armor for the battleships now building, and which could not be obtained at the price demanded by congress.]

The important branch of our government known as the civil service, the practical improvement of which has long been a subject of earnest discussion, has of late years received increased legislative and executive approval. During the past few months the service has been placed upon a still firmer basis of business methods and personal merit. While the right of our veteran soldiers to reinstatement in deserving cases has been asserted, dismissals for merely political reasons have been carefully guarded against, * * * and a distinct advance has been made by giving a hearing before dismissal upon all cases where incompetency is charged or demand made for the removal of officials in any of the departments. This order has been made to give to the accused his right to be heard but without in any way impairing the power of removal, which should always be exercised in cases of inefficiency and incompetency.

Much, of course, still remains to be accomplished before the system can be made reasonably perfect for our needs. There are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempted, and others not classified may properly be included. I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classified service, or include those which in my judgment will best promote the public service. The system has the approval of the people and it will be my endeavor to uphold and extend it.

INDIANS REQUIRE ATTENTION.

Solution of the Problem Is Individual Ownership—Nicaragua Canal.

With reference to the Indian question the president says: "For a number of years past it has been apparent that the conditions under which the five civilized tribes were established in the Indian Territory under treaty provisions with the United States, with the right of self-government and the exclusion of all white persons from within their borders, have undergone so complete a change as to render the continuance of the system thus inaugurated practically impossible." He then quotes approvingly Henry L. Dawes, who says:

"Individual ownership is in their (the commission's) opinion absolutely essential to any permanent improvement in present conditions, and the lack of it is the root of nearly all the evils which so grievously afflict these people."

He urges better government for Alaska, and speaks a good word for the Nicaragua canal; advocates an adequate United States exhibit at the Paris exposition in 1900; calls attention, favors improvement of the national quarantine laws to guard against yellow fever, and refers congress for information on other subjects to the departmental reports.

CATHOLIC BAZAR.

It Will Be Held Dec. 8, 9 and 10 In Conkey's Hall.

The second annual catholic fair and bazar will be held at Conkey's hall Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 8, 9 and 10, afternoons and evenings.

The ladies of the church are preparing many useful articles for display and for sale at the various booths. Many of these articles will be given away to lucky ticket holders.

A voting contest for a lady's gold watch will be an amusing feature. A program of music, singing and recitations will be given each evening under the direction of Miss Hansen. Frazell's orchestra will furnish music for dancing. Everybody is invited to attend. Admission 10 cents.

BE CAREFUL.

Don't Put Excelsior Water in Cans With Metal Tops.

Manager Peter English, of the Excelsior mineral water company urges with much earnestness against the placing of the mineral water in cans with metal tops.

There are properties in the water that makes it unfit for use when it comes in contact with metal and those who have had the water standing in cans lined with metal are advised to throw it away.

He also states that the use of jugs is dangerous as the water eats the lining off and forms a liquid which also is poisonous.

The company is preparing to condense the water in wooden tanks heated by steam and the salt will be sold in the form of tablets.

Notice of Special Assessment.

To Alger & Pool, Phil Prescott, Larkin & Pullen, Kate Saylor, Samuel McGuigan, Mrs. M. Downing, Jones & Sonner, Charles A. Hartman, James Lason, L. W. Clodfelter, H. Merry, estate George W. Moore, Mrs. S. A. Winans, M. V. Buchanan, estate Thomas Spires, M.K. Draper, Gust. Amundsen, John Schairer, A. R. Nowlen, Edward Jerue, John Fonger, and all other persons interested:

Take notice that the roll of the special assessment heretofore made by the board of assessors for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which the city council decided should be paid and borne by special assessment for the construction of a lateral sewer on Seventh street, from Main to Oak streets, in the city of Benton Harbor, is now on file in my office for public inspection. Notice is also hereby given that the city council and board of assessors of the city of Benton Harbor will meet at the council room in said city on Monday, December 20 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., to review said assessment, at which time and place opportunity will be given all persons interested to be heard.

Dated December 7, 1897.

675t12 R. P. CHADDOCK, city clerk.

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GEORGE W FALES secreta

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GEORGE ... COFFIN,
...Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

MICHIGAN.

A VIGOROUS KICK

Railway Presidents Hear it Made on Interchangeable Mileage Books.

Detroit, Dec. 7—The presidents of the railroads which intersect Michigan met yesterday in the office of President Ledyard of the Michigan Central and discussed the complaints concerning the Central Passenger association's interchangeable mileage tickets. The Michigan Knights of the Grip have been strongly protesting against inconveniences in the use of these tickets, and the prime question before the presidents was whether action can be secured by which the interchangeable books can be made good in Michigan without the passenger having to go to station to make the changes which the tickets require, the exchange rule to continue to apply outside of Michigan. The Michigan passenger agents are arguing the question before the meeting of the Central Passenger association which is in convention at Chicago today

Michigan Pensions.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Michigan pensions were granted Saturday as follows: Original—James Jenkins, Grand Rapids; Joseph C. Bontecou, Petoskey; Levi Emig, Flowerfield. Additional—Edward H. Scofield, Grand Rapids; John Cole, Richland. Restoration and increase—Jacob Leightner, Grayling; George Gerould, Vicksburg. Increase—Gideon Lancaster, Brookside; Archibald Schoonover, Fremont; Samuel Washburn, Glendora; Orzo K. Harvey, North Adams; Solomon Vanetten, Okemos; Joseph H. Canfield, Ionia; Martin G. Seriskey, Addison. Reissue—Godfrey Kalt, Leroy; James A. Price, Mt. Clemens. Widows—Rosa Cooper Lakeview; minor of George Cable, Walled lake.

Just before ... Saturday night 200 men arrived at Dundee and began tearing up ... of the track on the Dundee branch of the Lake Shore as has not been transferred to the Detroit & Lima Northern. Shippers will be greatly inconvenienced.

Thirty-seven sheep were stolen from C. C. Speer's farm in Maple Grove township and driven to Saginaw and killed. The thieves took away the pelts but left the mutton

Several of a gang of 13 tramps in jail at Corunna are suspected of stealing several thousands of dollars worth of silk and other valuables from the Lake Shore freight cars at South Bend. The suspects will be delivered to the railroad officers.

Harm Tyink, who was shot at Graafschap, is dead. His family claim that young Halibink did the shooting maliciously He will be prosecuted for manslaughter. Halibink claims the shooting was accidental.

Alexander Johnson escaped from the county jail at Marshal Sunday night. He had been gone six hours before the sheriff discovered his absence His fellow prisoners were too large to get through the hole by which Johnson escaped.

Ramus Christianson, residing in the vicinity of North Muskegon while out hunting Sunday afternoon, accidentally shot himself. The effect of the wound will prove fatal

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Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in this office for the week ending December 7, 1897:

LADIES

Brown, Mrs May	Nichols, Mrs Bub
Burrows, Miss Nettie	...ike, Miss ...nnie
Goins, Miss S D	Richards, Mrs Sharlet
Harrison, Mrs Lenar	S...le, Miss Lulu
Humphrey, Miss Millie	Schrer, Miss Cora
Kenney, Miss Mary	

GENTLEMEN

Avery Mr G S	Perlick W
Brown, Mr Clyde 2	Rhodes, Mr W F
Briggs, Mr S G	Rowell, Mr William
Bunker, Mr Roy W	Reynolds Mr
...eason, John	Reynolds, Mr Charlie
Chivvis, Mr C C	Stord, John
Chrone Robt E	Shearer, Mr Fred H
Collins, Mr A O	Sheffo, Mr R A
Feckenseler, Mr F C	Tracy, Mr J W
G...nne, E C	We...ett, Mr Agy
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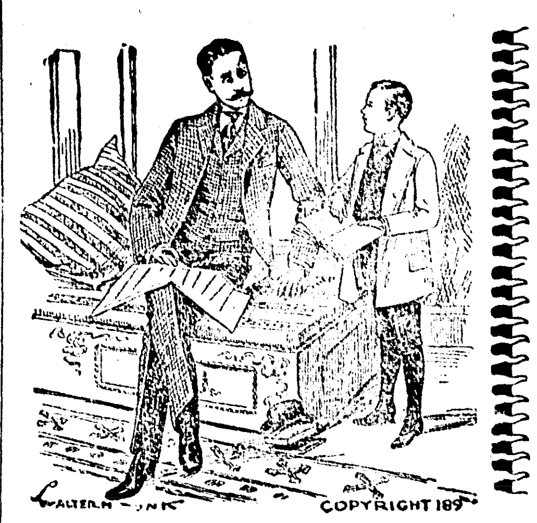

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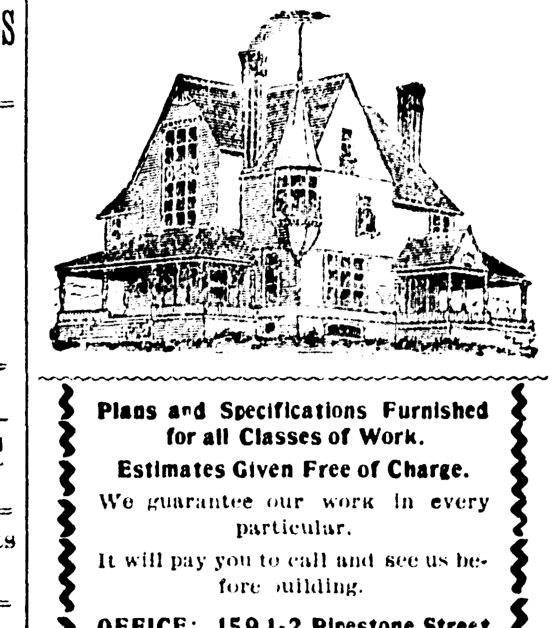

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8 45	1 25	11 30	Grand Rapids	1 25	10 35	6:20
12 0	3 50	3 00	Benton H'rbor	10 30	8 5	0
12 ...	3 57	3 ...	St. Joseph	10 20	7 ...	9
3 2	...	8 40	Chicago	7 20	5 15	1:20
p m	m	a m		a m	p m	a

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p m	a m		p m	a m
5 15	10 30	St. Joseph	2 15	9 15
5 45	11 08	Baroda	1 51	9 42
6 12	11 29	Galien	1 30	8 16
7 00	12 08	South Bend	12 53	7 30
	2 20	Logansport	10 36	
	5 45	Indianapolis	7 10	
	6 35	Terre Haute	6 20	
	p m		a m	

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Going South No 3 Daily Ex Sun.	No 1 Daily Ex. Sun	Miles from B H.	Stations	Going North No. 2 Daily x. Sun	No. 4 Daily Ex. Sun.
p m	a m			a m	p m
4 00	7 01		Lv Ben H'ror Ar	11 20	6 45
*4 16	*7 14	8.2	Royalton	*11 01	*6 27
*4 25	*7 21	11 4	Hinchman	*10 52	*6 19
4 42	7 3	16 5	Berrien Springs	10 8	6 6
*4 51	*7 1	19 5	Oakland	*1 26	*5 56
5 10	8 00	27.0	Ar Buchanan Lv	10 00	5 35

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

What Benton Harbor's People and Societies Are Doing.

The Crickets on the Hearth met December 6 with Mrs. Hamilton. Roll call was answered by quotations from Bryant and after the reading of the minutes and the critic's report, Miss Catherine Allen gave a most inspiring sketch of the poet's life; Mrs. Kramer an article on the causes and results of the war of 1812; Miss Lola Hepler one on Tecumseh, after which Miss Lela Hepler entertained the club with a fine selection on the piano. Miss Crooks then read from a magazine a succinct account of the risk of political parties begun last week, and the afternoon closed with a very entertaining parliamentary drill during which it was stated that no doubt the telephone company would be delighted to put in a few telephones connecting every Crickets' home with their presidents', especially if they could hear all the Crickets have to say. The afternoon concluded with the reading by Mrs. Bisbee of two newspaper articles contributed by Madam Christopher, on the death of Mrs. Judson, the missionary, and items about Miss Willard and women suffrage.

H. L. Hansen, of Headlight Flashes, left this morning for St. Louis, Mo., where he will spend a month with his family.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year in the Modern Woodmen last night: J. McMillan, V. C; George Bruce, W. A.; N. G. Wenell, clerk; A. E. Perrott, banker; E. McFaul, escort; John Arnt, watchman; M Lacomb, sentry; J. C. Bostick and C N Sowers, physicians; B. L. Hall member board of managers.

The Home Literary circle will meet with Mrs. B. G. Watson Friday, December 10, with the following program: Roll call, current events; piano duet, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Watson; Alexander I, Mrs. Jennings; poem. The Polish Boy, Mrs. Soule; Verestchagen, Mrs. Platt; music, Mrs. Eastman; "By the Neva," Mrs. Sherwood; reading from Stepniak, Mrs. Barker.

The Henry C. Rowe Circle will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Grand Army hall. A literary and musical program will be furnished by Mesdames Rouse, Brooks, Lewis and Godfrey. Roll call—Current Events. A picnic supper will be one of the features of the evening. Let no one miss the good time in view.

The Current Events class discussed the president's message at its meeting held last evening.

The Fair Plain Reading Circle will meet with Mrs. A. J. Knisely on Wednesday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

The "F. K. K." will meet Thursday instead of Wednesday of this week, owing to the occupancy of the hall by the Farmers' Institute on Wednesday The order of exercises is as follows: First, dumb bell, leader, Miss Averill; second, swedish, leader, Miss Hess; third, basket ball.

The Congregational C. E. elected officers for the coming six months last evening as follows: President, Mora Alger; vice president, Fannie Averill; secretary, Margaret Storms; treasurer, Ray Hemingway. After the business meeting a very pleasant social time was enjoyed.

Capt. Feltus, of Chicago, was the guest of Alderman Vollheim yesterday The captain is the owner of barge Oak Leaf, the upper rigging of which was recently blown off on lake Erie. She is now laid up at Buffalo.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at its headquarters at 119 East Main street on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Odd Fellows will hold their annual election of officers this evening. Every member is requested to be present.

Holy Trinity Guild will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Ben Eastman, near Eastman Springs, at the usual hour.

A. J. Kidd went to Hartford on business today.

Dr. W. A. Baker, of Coloma, was in the city this morning.

Bell lodge, K. of H. will hold their annual election of officers tomorrow night.

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ST. JOSEPH.

Opie Read and Nixon Waterman, the peerless entertainers, will appear tonight at the Academy of Music for the benefit of the Methodist church.

Capt. James Brooks is in town from Bridgman.

Capt. Edward Evans is in town from Chicago for a few days.

Sam Zekind has had posters distributed all over the city asking people to vote for him at the Catholic bazar in Conkey's hall. If he receives the highest number of votes he will be considered the most popular merchant in the two cities.

The steamer Frank Woods has laid up for the winter.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will soon begin a series of entertainments and dances at the Hotel Whitcomb.

Thomas O'Connor has opened a plumbing shop under the Commercial bank.

Register of Deeds French reports that not so much property is changing hands as did last year at this time. He can assign no cause for the fallling off.

Grosvenor Tarbell is over from Chicago to spend a week with his family on Lake Shore drive.

James C. Knight, of Baroda, is in town today calling on friends.

Attorney Bracelin is moving his household goods to this city and will take up his residence at the corner of State and Jones streets.

The government supply steamer Dahlia is in port today.

Mrs. D. W. Jackson and daughters of this city have taken up their winter residence, at 4507 Prarie avenue, Chicago.

The "Story of Old Glory" will be held in St. Joseph, January 7, under the auspices of the G. A. R. The company of local actors has already been selected.

The Crescent society held a meeting at the High school last night. There was a large attendance and the program was an excellent one. It was the last meeting before the holidays.

The city schools will close for the holiday week on Friday, December 24.

About 150 men went to work with picks and shovels on Port street this morning, beginning work on the second district sewer. The contractor arrived yesterday afternoon and the work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

A. W. Chapman post G. A. R. held a big meeting last night at their hall. Nearly all the members were present and the meeting was a very enthusiastic one. The following officers, were elected: Commander, John E. L. Miller; Senior V. C., Burton Miller; Junior V. C., Albert Rowe; Quartermaster, C. H. [illegible]; Officer of the day, John Lane; Officer of the guard, Frank Morlock; Surgeon, R. F. Stratton; Chaplain, Jasper Abbe; Adjutant, A. O. French; Sgt. Major, D. H. Whipple; Q. M. Sgt. M. A. Clock. Supper was served after the election of officers and a general good time was enjoyed by all.

Probate Court.

Estate of Lake Versaw, deceased. O. O. Jordan, administrator of said estate, filed his final account and order of distribution entered.

Estate of John Schommer, deceased. Objections were made to the probate of the will of deceased and the further hearing theron was adjourned to December 21 at 10 a. m.

Estate of Amelia Baute, deceased. Will of deceased was duly proved and admitted to probate. No executor appointed.

Marriage Licenses.

Dayton Fuller, 74, New Troy; Malindia A. Hoover, 72, same.

FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH.

School Dreams Company Will Give that Sum Away.

The School Dreams Publishing company have been giving away watches, dictionaries, books, etc., to advertise School Dreams, a fine magazine. Now they have to offer $5 in cash. Following are seven lists of letters, out of which can be spelled the names of seven large American cities: IAHCOGC equal CHICAGO and so on. Here are the lists:

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HITONGSNAW	SEWORNELNA
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Can you solve them? If so you will be lucky. Send in your list. To the sender of the correct solution we will send $5 in cash. No fake. The money will be sent. If more than one correct list is received the money will be divided between the senders of the five neatest lists. Send all lists by mail and as early as possible. With every list enclose 10 cents for a three months' subscription to School Dreams, the only magazine published in Berrien county. Send in as many lists as you desire, enclosing 10 cents with each list. Contest closes December 14. School Dreams Publishing company Dept A., Benton Harbor. 12t675

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Relief in Six Hours

Distressing Kidney and Bladder diseases relieved in six hours by the "New South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the bladder, kidneys, back and every part of the urinary passages in male or female. It relieves retention of water and pain in passing it almost immediately. [illegible]

Antetobacco Smoking.

There is ample authority for the statement that before the introduction of tobacco it was customary to inhale the smoke of burned herbs for medicinal purposes. There is, however, so far as I know, no authority for supposing that pipes at all resembling our tobacco pipes were used for this purpose. Lyte says of coltsfoot:

"The perfume of the dried leaves ledde upon quicke coles, taken into the mouth through the pipe of a funnell, or tunnell, helpeth such as are troubled with the shortnesse of winde, and fetche their breath thicke or often, and do (sic) breake without daunger the impostems of the breast."

This is the usual form of the directions given in such cases, and Gerard follows it almost word for word, adding, however:

"Being taken in manner as they take tobacco, it (coltsfoot) mightily prevaileth against the disease aforesaid."

This is pretty good evidence that tobacco pipes were not in use in Lyte's time, but had been introduced in Gerard's. In Sylvester's "Tobacco Battered and Their Pipes Shattered" tobacco pipes are spoken of as a new invention:

Two smoakie Engines, in this latter Age
(Satan's short Circuit, the more sharp his rage)
Have been invented by too-wanted Wit,
Or rather, vented from th' Infernall Pit,
Guns and Tobacco-pipes, with Fire and Smoak,
(At least) a Third part of Mankind to choak.

He considers the later invention the more devilish of the two.—Notes and Queries.

A Rainfall of Seeds.

Some days ago the province of Macerata, in Italy, was the scene of an extraordinary phenomenon. Half an hour before sunset an immense number of small blood colored clouds covered the sky. About an hour later a cyclone storm burst, and immediately the air became filled with myriads of small seeds. The seeds fell over town and country, covering the ground to a depth of about half an inch. The next day the whole of the scientists of Macerata were abroad in order to find some explanation.

Professor Cardinali, a celebrated Italian naturalist, stated that the seeds were of the genus cercis, commonly called Judas tree, and that they belonged to an order of leguminossæ found only in central Africa or the Antilles. It was found, upon examination, that a great number of the seeds were actually in the first stage of germination.—Golden Penny.

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Piano Tuning.

Earl G. Alden of the Hallet & Davis Piano company, is at Hotel Benton for a few days. He is tuner for Angelo Patricolo doing both studio and concert work for him. All makes solicited. Regular tuning, $2.50. 2t674

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See Opie Reid and Nixon Waterman at the Academy of Music in St. Joseph December 7. tf664

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